Markets are well supplied, but the prices of ragi and rice remain stationary. The price of ragi ranged from 6½ to 9 seers and local rice from 3 to 4½ seers a rupee.

Burma rice is available in Government Depots and Co-operative Societies at 4½ to 4¾ seers a rupee.

Mysore District.—No change. There has been slight drizzling in most parts of the district. It is reported, there has been too much rain in Hunsur and in Heggaddevankote.

More rain is required in other places.

Tumkur District.—There was some rainfall in the taluks of Tumkur, Gubbi, Chiknayakanhalli and Pavagada. In other taluks there was no rain. The price of ragi remains at Rs. 84 per cart load, while that of paddy ranges between Rs. 60 and Rs. 70. Demand for Burma rice is very little. Local rice is being sold at 4¼ to 4½ seers a rupee at Tumkur.

Kolar District.—During the week the rainfall has ranged from 15 to 50 cents only throughout the district. This is quite insufficient and the raiyats are anxiously waiting for more rain to commence their sowing operations.

Local rice is being sold at 4 to 4¼ seers and ragi at 7 to 7½ seers a rupee.

Hassan District.—There was a fairly good fall of rain during the week in the district except in the taluks of Arsikere, Hole-Narsipur and Channarayapatna which had only, 7,75 and 21 cents respectively.

The markets were fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops such as *Kar* paddy, paddy, sugar-cane, and *Gidda* ragi are in a good condition. Mungar crops are reported to be suffering for want of rain in the Arsikere Taluk. Transplanting of *Dodda ragi* in parts of Hole-Narsipur Taluk was in progress during the week. *Dodda ragi* is being sown in the Hassan, Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks.

The prices are still high.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present. Rain is urgently wanted in the Arsikere, Channarayapatna and Hole-Narsipur Taluks.

Shimoga District.—No change. The prospects are hopeful.

Kadur District.—Necessary food grains were available in all the markets in sufficient quantities. There was no change in their prices with the exception, that ragi was sold at 10 seers a rupee in the Tarikere Taluk as against 9 seers a rupee in the previous week.

Rainfall was sufficient in all the taluks.

Chitaldrug District.—The seasonal conditions, particularly in the Chitaldrug, Hiriyur, Challakere and Molakalmuru Taluks are not encouraging owing to the failure of mungar rains. The sowing in these taluks has hardly been done and in most places even the lands are not fully prepared for sowing. In other taluks sowings have been completed. The prices of food grains remain the same as in last week.

General (by Food Controller.)—During the week there has been good rainfall in the malnad parts of the Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan Districts and in the western taluks of the Mysore District. Elsewhere, with few exceptions, the rainfall has been scanty and inadequate. The prospects of the season in the Bangalore, Kolar and Chitaldrug Districts are not very satisfactory.

The markets were fairly well supplied. The prices of food grains are generally stationary except that in the Tarikere Taluk the price of ragi has gone down to 10 seers a rupee as against 9 seers a rupee in the previous week. The demand for Burma rice is reported to be dull in all the districts. Some old stock of Burma rice in the Depots in the Shimoga and Kolar Districts which were showing signs of deterioration have been sold to certain merchants from Bangalore.

The whole of July allotment of Burma rice amounting to 2,000 tons has left Rangoon and 900 tons out of this have already arrived in Madras. The balance is expected to arrive during the current week.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Amendment to Rules 18 of the Land Revenue Code.

READ.—

Government Order No. R. 12988L. R. 325-18-6, dated 9th April 1919, directing that the license granted by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to Mr. Ameenuddin Ali for removing Fuller's Earth in the taluks of Nanjangud, T. Narsipur and Chamrajnagar be restricted to two years and stating that separate orders will issue regarding the grant of licenses in such cases in future.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 3552, dated 10th June 1919, from the Director of Mines and Geology, furnishing his opinion in the matter of framing rules regulating the manner of disposal of Fuller's Earth and the levy of royalty thereon.

3. The marginally noted communications from the Director of Industries, and the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore respectively on the subject.

1. Letter No. 163—Geol., dated 30th March 1920.
2. Letter No. 4146—18-19, dated 27—29th April 1920.

4. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 3999—Gl. 19-20, dated 30th April—3rd May 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting draft of an amendment to Rule 18 of the Mysore Land Revenue Rules necessitated by Para 3 of Government Order No. G. 23401-13—Geol. 12-19-5, dated 12th April 1920, issuing instructions to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts in the matter of issue of permits for removing limestone and other ordinary minerals.

ORDER No. R. 1008-67—L. R. 325-18-13, DATED 20TH JULY 1920.

In view of the utility of Fuller's Earth for industrial purposes, the Revenue Commissioner, the Director of Mines and Geology, and the Director of Industries and Commerce were requested to furnish their views in the matter of framing rules to regulate the levy of a royalty on the mineral, as no royalty is prescribed therefor in Appendix A of the rules under the Land Revenue Code. The Director of Mines and Geology states that the removal of Fuller's Earth should be prohibited except under annual permits obtained from the Deputy Commissioners of Districts on payment of royalty at the rates noted in the margin, and also suggests an amendment to Rule 18 of the rules under the Land Revenue Code. The Revenue Commissioner, while agreeing with the Director of Mines and Geology, suggests the levy of a royalty of 4 annas per cart load of Fuller's Earth removed.

Rate of Royalty on Fuller's Earth (crude earth Soda) a royalty of 2 annas per cart load. On sodium carbonate prepared from the Fuller's Earth a royalty equal to 5 per cent of the sale value of the prepared material subject to a minimum charge of Rs. 3 per ton.

2. In view, however, of the limited demand for the mineral for industrial purposes in the several districts, Government consider that a small royalty for the use of the mineral is sufficient and approve of the amendment to Rule 18 of the rules under the Land Revenue Code suggested by the Director. A royalty of 4 annas per cart load of Fuller's Earth removed will be levied, dhobies and uppars being permitted to remove it free of charge for the *bona fide* purposes of their work.

3. In regard to the removal of limestone and other ordinary minerals, necessary instructions have already been issued in Government Order dated 12th April 1920. The draft submitted by the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore in regard to the amendment to Rule 18 of the rules under the Land Revenue Code is approved.

4. The amendments to Rule 18 of the rules under the Land Revenue Code as approved by Government are indicated in the annexure to this order.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore.
The Director of Mines and Geology.
The Secretary, Department of Education and Agriculture.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.
Other Heads of Departments.
The Comptroller to Government.
PRESS TABLE.

ANNEXURE.

Amendments to Rule 18 of the rules under the Land Revenue Code.

1. Substitute the words "a period not exceeding one year at a time" for the words "such periods" occurring in line 5 of Rule 18 of the rules under the Land Revenue Code.

2. After the words "following rules" add "and to such restrictions as may from time to time be laid down by Government."

3. In Appendix A to Rule 18, mark the existing paragraph as (*a*) and add the following:—

(*b*) Material	Royalty.
(i) Fuller's Earth.	Four annas per cart load.